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SUBJ: SECURITY THREAT TO AMERICAN TOURISTS

1. THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FEDAYEEN PLAN TO EXPAND
THEIR TERRORIST TARGETS TO PASSENGER SHIPPING. THERE ARE
INDICATIONS FEDAYEEN TERRORISTS MAY BE PLANNING TO HIJACK
PASSENGER SHIP CARRYING LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS.
FEDAYEEN' S REPORTED OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO HOLD SHIP AND
HOSTAGES AT SEA AND DEMAND RELEASE OF ARAB COMMANDOS
BEING HELD BY GOVERNMENTS OF GERMANY, JORDAN AND ISRAEL,
AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES. IF THESE DEMANDS ARE NOT
MET, FEDAYEEN REPORTEDLY WOULD SINK SHIP. THERE ARE NO
INDICATIONS WHEN SUCH OPERATION CONTEMPLATED. IT POSSIBLE
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FEDAYEEN WOULD ATTEMPT TO BOARD SHIP AS PASSENGERS AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT PORTS.

2. THERE ALSO POSSIBILITY OF FEDAYEEN PIRATING SHIP CARRYING NUMBER OF AMERICAN JEWS HEADED FOR ISRAEL' S 25 TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN MAY 1973.

3. WITHOUT GETTING INTO ANY DETAILS SET FORTH ABOVE, REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES ONLY APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS IN UTMOST CONFIDENCE TO (A) INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF POSSIBLE PIRATING TOURIST SHIPS AND (B) TO SUGGEST THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES TO PREVENT ANY SUCH INCIDENT(S) FROM OCCURRING.

4. ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE CONSULAR POSTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION, AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE POSTS LOCATED IN PORT CITIES. ROGERS UNQUOTE ROGERS

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